stabilising the economy and undertaking structural reforms.

(c) The Government has its own agenda of reforms over the medium term which is contained in a Discussion Paper titled "Economic Reforms: Two Years After and The Task Ahead" copies of which are placed in the Parliament Library. Further loan from IMF would be considered based on this agenda and keeping in view the prospects for the external sector of our economy.

(d) No fresh loan agreement was concluded in the meeting with IMF in September, 1993.

Full income tax Exemption to Exporters

842. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to go in for more rationalisation and transparency of the fiscal incentives for export under the Income-tax Act;

(b) if so, whether the representatives of the Ministries of Commerce and Finance discussed the proposal in this regard;

(c) if so, to what extent the Ministry is considering to modify the relevant provisions under the Act giving exporters full exemption from income-tax on their foreign exchange earnings;

(d) to what extent this amendment will help to remove certain ambiguities and anomalies; and

(e) to what extent it will give a boost to exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (e) Rationalisation and making transparent of fiscal provisions, includiung for exports, is an on-going process. Fiscal incentives for exports are discussed with the Ministry of Commerce. The results of such interaction stand reflected in the budget proposals.

Modification of schemes for Global Depository Receipts

843. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modify the schemes for global depository receipts in the light of the large number of companies applying with the Ministry of Finance for clearance of their proposed issue of foreign currency convertible bonds as well as equity;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the proposal;

(c) if so, to what extent it will give a boost in Euro-equity issue;

(d) whether the modified scheme also stipulates fresh norms to ensure that only companies with a proven track-record enter the Euro-equity market;

(e) whether in mid November, 1993, Government had announced comprehensive guidelines stipulating foreign investments which can be made in Indian companies directly or indirectly through GDRs; and

(f) to what extent they are being further modified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) While Government keeps a close watch on Euro-Issues by Indian companies, there is presently no proposal with the government to modify the related scheme bacause of a large number of applications.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir. These guidelines, *inter-alia* stipulate that applicant companies shall have a consistent track record of good performance (financial or otherwise) for a minimum period of 3 years.

(f) Does not arise.